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SUBJECT: TURKISH POSITION ON CYPRUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

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1. TURKISH EMBOFF UNSAL CALLED AT DEPT JULY 14 TO PRESENT
TURKISH POSITION REGARDING ANTICIPATED REVIVAL OF CHARGES
THAT GREEK-CYPRIOTS WERE BEING FORCED OUT OF TURKISH-
CONTROLLED NORTHERN CYPRUS. HE DELIVERED A "BOUT DE
PAPIER" ON THE SUBJECT AND SUMMARIZED THE TURKISH POSITION
AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE TURKS ANTICIPATE THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS WILL
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AGAIN RAISE THE EXPULSION ISSUE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF

THE UN SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES AND PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA BETWEEN AUG 12 AND SEPT 2. UNSAL RECALLED THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD RAISED SUCH CHARGES BEFORE IN AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION, AND SHOULD THEY DO SO AGAIN, ANKARA WANTS THE TURKISH POSITION TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

3. UNSAL CITED STATEMENTS MADE BY TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADERS DENKTASH AND ONAN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REFUTING SUCH

GREEK-CYPRIOT ALLEGATIONS. THE TURKS STATE THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE LEAVING THE NORTH VOLUNTARILY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA. TURKS MAINTAIN THAT BECAUSE THE GREEK-CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WISHES GREEKS TO REMAIN IN THE NORTH, IT REFUSES ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO GO SOUTH VOLUNTARILY. GREEK-CYPRIOTS WHO LEAVE THE NORTH CLAIM THAT THEY WERE FORCED TO LEAVE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF. THE TURKS ADMIT THAT THEY DO IMPOSE CERTAIN SECURITY RESTRICTIONS UPON GREEK COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, BUT INSIST THERE IS NO SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF MISTREATMENT OR EXPULSION.

4. UNSAL SAID IN TURKISH VIEW RESOLUTIONS LIKE THE ONE INTRODUCED BY THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS LAST YEAR MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, BUT MERELY ENCOURAGE EXTREME HARD-LINE POSITIONS ON EACH SIDE AND THUS HINDER POSSIBLE PROGRESS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

5. UNSAL CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING THAT THE USG TAKE THE CONSIDERATIONS RAISED BY THE TURKS INTO ACCOUNT AND WORK TO DISCOURAGE UNHELPFUL ACTIONS IN THE UN SUBCOMMITTEE. DEPT OFFICER TOLD UNSAL THAT WE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE TURKISH POSITION AND RESPOND IN DUE COURSE.

6. WE INTEND TO REITERATE POINTS SET FORTH REFTEL TO TURKISH EMBASSY, EMPHASIZING THAT ANY TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF VIENNA III WOULD PROVIDE GREEK CYPRIOTS WITH CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

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ING PROPAGANDA ISSUE.

7. FOR GENEVA: AS LAST YEAR, WE HOPE THAT ISSUE WILL NOT BECOME CONTENTIOUS AT MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE.

8. COPIES OF THE "BOUT DE PAPIER" WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. KISSINGER

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